

BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999 Whitfield, Georgia [13313]

Whitfield is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the <u>Dalton, GA (MSA)</u>. Its 1999 population of 82,505 ranked 24th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Whitfield had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,196. This PCPI ranked 21st in the state and was 92 percent of the state average, \$26,359, and 87 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI remained unchanged from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Whitfield was \$16,604 and ranked 13th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Whitfield had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,996,302*. This TPI ranked 22nd in the state and accounted for 0.9 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Whitfield was \$1,198,876* and ranked 17th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 1.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 6.7 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.1 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Whitfield. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 69.8 percent of TPI (compared with 72.0 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.7 percent (compared with 18.2 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 12.5 percent (compared with 9.8 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 1.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 4.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.9 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 4.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.8 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Whitfield increased from \$2,123,748* in 1998 to \$2,201,314* in 1999, an increase of 3.7 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 8.6 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$1,234,327* to the 1999 estimate was 6.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.